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Water: an Essential Element

Directions: Please take some time to reflect on the ways that water affects you and the people with whom you live and serve. Then use the writing prompts below to tell us the stories about water usage in your daily life and in your community's activities. Please write about as many of the topics as you can. Use complete sentences and as much detail as possible. We suggest paragraphs of 75 – 100 words. Please print or write as legibly so we can make an accurate transcription for the Internet. Remember that these stories will become the documents through which students in the United States learn about the country in which you are serving.

I. Water and Culture

How is the value of water in your community reflected in any ceremonies (religious or secular) or art, music, folktales, poetry, etc.?

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II. Water and Your Life

1. *The Source of your Water*
Where does your water come from? What is it like?
Describe the general availability of water where you live.

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2. Daily Usage

Describe “A Day in Your Life” as it relates to water. Include what water is used for:

- In your home
- In your community
- In your host family's home
- In your workplace

How does your use of water in Peace Corps differ from your use of water in the U.S.?

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III. Managing Water in Your Community

1. Managing Water

Who is in charge of managing water supplies in your community? In families?

How do farmers manage issues of water?

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2. Conservation

How does your community conserve water? Is it recycled? If so, how and for what purpose?

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3. The Environment/Agriculture

Has the quality of water in your village been improved or damaged by changes in your community or the environment? For example, has the advancement of new technologies affected it? Describe.

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4. Health and Nutrition

Is your drinking water fresh? What steps does your community take to make sure it is fresh? What steps do families take to make sure they have access to clean water?

If your water is not fresh, how is it contaminated? How does this impact your community?

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IV. Other Uses of Water

1. Recreation

Do children play games with water? If so, describe the games. Are water sports popular in your community? If so, describe what is played.

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2. Transportation

Do you live near a lake, river, or ocean? If so, how are these waterways used for travel or transport?

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V. Other stories you would like to share:

You have had many interesting experiences during your service that would help American students understand about the people you serve and your work as a PCV. If you would like to share a story that is unrelated to the issue of water, we invite you to do so in the space below.

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